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SUBJECT: SOMOZA MEETS WITH AMBASSADOR OF OAS STATES OVER EL SALVA-
DOR-HONDURAS DISPUTE

1. THIS EVENING (SEPTEMBER 2), PRESIDENT SOMOZA CALLED A SPECIAL
MEETING OF AMBASSADORS OF OAS MEMBER STATES ACCREDITED TO NICARAGUA
IN ORDER TO URGE THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO ENCOURAGE EL SALVADOR AND
HONDURAS TO REACH A SETTLEMENT SOON. REPRESENTATIVES OF 15
COUNTRIES ATTENDED THE MEETING, WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA AND FOREIGN
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MINISTER MONTIEL.

2. SOMOZA MADE A SHORT, INTENSE AND BLUNT SPEECH EXPRESSING HIS DEEP CONCERN AT THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. HE ASSERTED THAT NICARAGUA WAS AN INTERESTED PARTY TO THE DISPUTE BECAUSE "IF THE TWO COUNTRIES CONTINUE THEIR CONFLICT, NICARAGUA WILL BE SERIOUSLY HARMED." HE STATED THAT UNLESS A PEACE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED, HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE COMPELLED TO ENTER THE ARMS RACE AND BUILD UP ITS ARMED FORCES. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE 1968 CONFLICT HURT THE NICARAGUAN ECONOMY AND REQUIRED EXTRAORDINARY BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES. ANOTHER CONFLICT, HE SAID, MUST BE AVOIDED AND A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT ACHIEVED.

3. HE ASKED THE ASSEMBLED AMBASSADORS TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THEIR "HEADS OF STATE" OF THE GRAVE PERIL OF ANOTHER OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. HE MENTIONED THAT FIREFIGHTS HAD OCCURRED ALONG THE BORDER TODAY. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL OAS MEMBER STATES TO MAKE SOME CONTRIBUTION TO TRANSFORMING THE FRAGILE CEASEFIRE INTO A MORE LASTING PEACE.

4. COMMENT: SOMOZA'S SOLEMN CALL FOR THE OAS MEMBER STATES TO ACT TOGETHER AND BRING THEIR INFLUENCE TO BEAR ON EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF RECENT MOVES ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA TO DRAMATIZE THE STAKE IT HAS IN A PEACE SETTLEMENT. THE AMBASSADORS OF HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR, WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING, BOTH STRONGLY COMMENDED SOMOZA FOR HIS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT IS EVIDENT THAT SOMOZA FEARS ANOTHER CONFLICT AND BELIEVES THAT THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD OFFERED BY THE CEASEFIRE SHOULD NOT BE LOST. IT IS HIS VIEW THAT THE OAS MEMBER STATES MUST ACT NOW TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS AND EXERT PRESSURE ON BOTH COUNTRIES TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK.

5. WE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN INFO ON ANY REACTIONS IN HOST COUNTRIES OR IN OAS TO SOMOZA INITIATIVE.
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